

CLAIMS:

1. A steering column apparatus comprising:
a steering shaft to which a steering wheel is
mounted at the rear end portion thereof;

5 a cylindrical steering column for rotatably
supporting said steering column therein;

vehicle body-side bracket used to sandwich and
fix said steering column;

a distance unit formed to be expanded from said
10 steering column by plastic working and sandwiched by
said body-side brackets; and

position adjusting means for making the
position of said steering column with respect to said
body-side brackets adjustable within a predetermined
15 adjustment range,

wherein said position adjusting means comprises
as its constituent element an adjusting bolt for
passing through said body-side bracket and said
distance unit so as to clamp said distance unit
20 through said body-side bracket, and

said adjusting bolt is positioned above said
steering shaft.

2. A steering column apparatus according to
25 Claim 1, wherein said steering column is adjustable
in a tilting direction with respect to said body-side
bracket, and the lower end of said body-side bracket

is positioned higher than the lower surface of said steering column.

3. A steering column apparatus according to
5 Claim 1 or 2, wherein an electric assist mechanism
for assisting a steering power of said steering wheel
is secured to the tip end of said steering column.

4. A steering column apparatus according to
10 Claim 1 or 2, wherein said plastic working is
performed by hydroforming.